Republic Day on January 27, 2000, the Hon'ble Prime Minister has emphasised the need for stability, both at the Centre and in the States. However, no aspect of the Constitution has been specifically referred to the "National Commission to Review the working of the Constitution" for examination. The terms of reference of the commission are to examine, in the light of the experience of the past 50 years, as to how best the Constitution can respond to the changing needs of efficient, smooth and effective system of governance and socio-economic development of modern India within the framework of Parliamentary democracy and to recommend changes, if any, that are required in the provisions of the constitution without interfering with its basic structure or features.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to allow foreign lawyers to appear in courts

552. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to allow foreign lawyers to appear in Indian Courts; and

(b) whether Government also propose to allow foreign legal firms to open offices and practice in India?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) and (b) Presently, there is no proposal to amend the law to allow foreign lawyers to appear in Indian courts or foreign legal firms to open offices and practice in India.